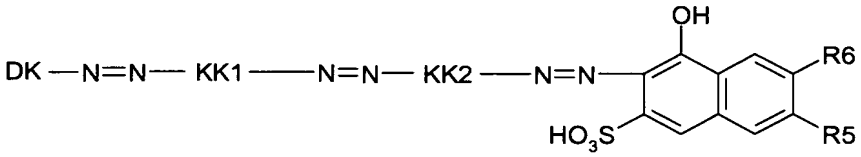
Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ for producing a storage-stable concentrated aqueous preparation ~~preparations~~ of an anionic ~~dyes~~ dye ~~characterized in that an~~ comprising the steps of providing an aqueous solution or suspension of at least one anionic crude dye of the formula (I)



(I)

wherein

DK is a phenyl or naphtyl or phenyl group ~~groups~~ or naphtyl groups substituted by $-SO_3H$, -COOH, -OH, $-NH_2$ or by C_{1-4}-alkyl groups ~~which are~~ unsubstituted or ~~which are further~~ substituted by -OH, -COOH, $-NH_2$,
-NH alkyl, $-N(alkyl)_2$ or by C_{1-4}-alkoxy groups which are unsubstituted or which are further substituted by $-SO_3H$, -COOH or -OH,

KK1 and KK2 independently from each other are ~~phenylen~~ phenylene or ~~naphtylen~~ naphthylene, unsubstituted or ~~phenylen groups or naphtylen groups which are further~~ substituted by
-OH, -COOH, $-NH_2$, -NHalkyl, $-N(alkyl)_2$ or by C_{1-4}-alkoxy groups ~~which are~~ unsubstituted or ~~which are further~~ substituted by $-SO_3H$, -COOH or -OH,

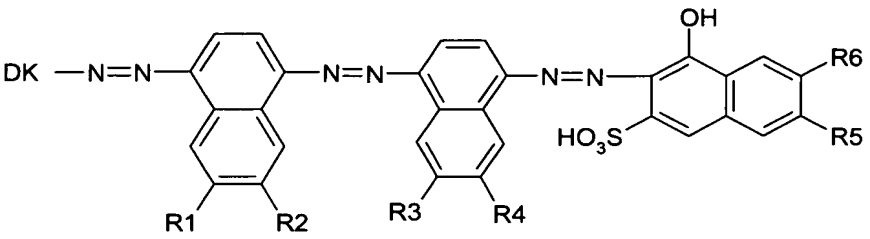
R5 and R6 independently from each other are -H, $-NH_2$, $-NH-C_6H_5$, $-NH-CO-CH_3$ or $-NH-CO-C_6H_5$,

~~is subjected~~ subjecting the aqueous solution or suspension to ultrafiltration to form an ultrafiltrated dye solution,

and ~~subsequent concentration~~ concentrating the ultrafiltrated dye solution,

~~and wherein~~ with the proviso that no additional solubilizers, dispersants or tensides are ~~used~~ added.

2. (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 1 wherein the at least one anionic crude dye is of ~~dyes according to the formula (I) have the~~ formula (II)



(II)

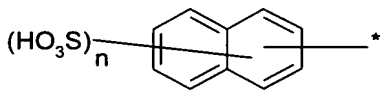
wherein

DK is defined as in Claim 1,

R1 [[to]]R2, R3, and R4 independently from each other are -H, $-SO_3H$, $-NH_2$ or -COOH,

R5 and R6 are defined as in Claim 1.

3. (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 2 wherein DK is



where the asterix shows the point of attachment and n is 1 or 2,

R1 [[to]]R2, R3, and R4 independently from each other are -H or $-SO_3H$,

R5 and R6 independently from each other are -H or $-NH_2$.

4. (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one anionic dye is C.I. Direct Blue 71.

5. (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to ~~any of the preceeding Claims, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution or suspension of the at least one anionic crude dye is continuously or intermittently replaced or supplemented by water or buffer solution so that the volume of the batch does not change by more than 20%, and concentrating the ~~resulting~~ ultrafiltrated dye solution ~~is concentrated~~ by a factor more than 2.

6. (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to ~~any of the preceeding Claims, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution or suspension of the anionic crude dye is admixed with further cations prior to or during ultrafiltration.

7. (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cations added prior to or during ultrafiltration are alkanolamines or alkanolammonium salts.

8. (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 6 ~~7, characterized in that~~ wherein the cations added prior to or during ultrafiltration are triethanolammonium hydrochloride.

9. (currently amended) ~~Storage-stable~~ A storage-stable concentrated aqueous dye ~~preparations~~ preparation of at least one anionic dye ~~dyes-producible~~ produced by a process according to ~~any of the preceeding Claims~~ Claim 1.

10. (current amended) ~~Blends and shadings of~~ A mixture, comprising the storage-stable concentrated aqueous dye ~~preparations~~ preparation of at least one anionic dye ~~dyes-producible~~ produced by a process according to Claim 1 and at least one additional anionic dye ~~Claims 1 to 8 with further anionic dyes~~.

11. (current amended) ~~Blends and shadings of~~ A mixture, comprising the storage-stable concentrated aqueous dye ~~preparations~~ preparation of at least one anionic dye ~~dyes producible~~ produced by a process according to Claim 1 and at least one additional liquid direct dye ~~Claims 1 to 8 with further liquid direct dyes.~~

12. (current amended) ~~Blends and shadings of~~ A mixture, comprising the storage-stable concentrated aqueous dye ~~preparations~~ preparation of at least one anionic dye ~~dyes producible~~ produced by a process according to Claim 1 and ~~Claims 1 to 8 with~~ liquid versions of ~~of~~ C.I. Direct Blue, C.I. Direct Violet, C.I. Direct Yellow and Direct Turquoise ~~dys~~ dyes.

13. (currently amended) A method for dyeing and/or printing a fibrous material, , comprising the step of contacting the ~~Use of~~ storage-stable concentrated aqueous dye ~~preparations~~ preparation of at least one anionic dye ~~dyes~~ produced by a process according to ~~Claims 1 to 8 for dyeing and or printing~~ Claim 1 with the fibrous material ~~fibre materials especially cellulosic textiles and paper~~.

14. (currently amended) An ink jet ink comprising the ~~Use of~~ storage-stable concentrated aqueous dye ~~preparations~~ preparation of at least one anionic dye ~~dyes~~ produced by a process according to Claim 1~~Claims 1 to 8 for producing ink jet inks~~.

15. (currently amended) A method for dyeing, coloring, pickling or staining wood, comprising the step of contacting the wood with a ~~Use of~~ storage-stable concentrated aqueous dye ~~preparations~~ preparation of at least one anionic dye ~~dyes~~ produced by a process according to ~~Claims 1 to 8 for dyeing, coloring, pickling or staining of~~ Claim 1 ~~solid wood~~.

16. (new) The method according to Claim 13, wherein the fibrous material is a cellulosic textile or paper.

17. (new) Wood dyed, colored, pickled, or stained in accordance with the method of claim 15,